

## TITLE 16. CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Board of Occupational Therapy (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally, or in writing, relative to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 400 R Street, Suite 3020, Sacramento, California, 95814, on April 16, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2004, or must be received by the Board at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the action substantially as described below or may modify such action if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified action will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the action.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 163.5 and 2570.20 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 2570.9, 2570.10, and 2570.16 of the Business and Professions Code, the Board is considering revising Division 39, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

#### **Amend section 4130. Fees**

Existing law authorizes the Board to charge occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants a license or certification renewal fee not to exceed \$150 annually and a delinquent fee that is 50% of the renewal fee. When the Board was established, the renewal fees were set at the maximum amount of \$150 to create a fiscally sound fund condition in an amount necessary to support its regulatory activities. To date, the Board has licensed over 9,000 practitioners and the fund condition now supports a reduction in fees. The proposed regulation would reduce renewal fees to \$100 annually and delinquent fees to \$50.

### FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Non-discretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the adoption of this regulation would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

**AND**

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:  
None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The cost impact that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action and that is known to the Board is:

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants will pay a reduced fee for license/certification renewal and/or delinquent renewals.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

**EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS**

The Board has determined that the proposed regulation would not affect small businesses because the regulation does not regulate small businesses, does not require reports or any other compliance activities.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by it or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION**

The Board has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

## TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulation and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the California Board of Occupational Therapy, 444 North Third Street, Suite 410, Sacramento, California 95814.

## AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulation is based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

## CONTACT PERSON

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.bot.ca.gov](http://www.bot.ca.gov).